

Minutes  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners  
Special, Joint Session with Catawba County Public Health Board  
Monday, August 23, 2004, 7:00 a.m.

**Appointments**

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**Public Health Department**

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in special/joint session with the Catawba County Public Health Board on Monday, August 23, 2004, 7:00 a.m., at the Catawba County Public Health Department, Board Room, 3070 - 11th Avenue Drive, SE, Hickory, North Carolina.

Board of Commissioners present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chairman Dan A. Hunsucker, Commissioners Glenn E. Barger, Barbara G. Beatty, and Lynn M. Lail.

Absent: N/A

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager/Deputy Clerk J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Joellen J. Daley, County Attorney Robert Oren Eades, and Staff Attorney Debra Bechtel, Personnel Director Debbie Bradley, and Public Information Officer Dave Hardin.

Public Health Board Members present were Sherry E. Butler, Chair; Clark S. Isaac, Vice-Chair; and Members Dr. Kerry Reeves, Dr. William Pekman, Mr. Thomas Richards, Ms. M. Hilda Elliott, Ms. Susan Witherspoon, and Ms. Dianne Hickmon.

Staff present: Barry Blick, Kelly Isenhour, Martha Knox, Jennifer McCracken, Sarah Lawson, Alice Layne, Miriam Powell, Marilyn Klinger, and Kerry Masterson.

1. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:08 a.m.
2. Appointment of Catawba County Public Health Director.

County Manager J. Thomas Lundy introduced Doug W. Urland and recommended his appointment effective September 27, 2004, as Catawba County Public Health Director. Mr. Lundy indicated that Mr. Urland had been Health Director in Caldwell County for six years, preceded by three years as Green County Public Health Director. He was a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College with a degree in Political Science and a graduate of American University with a Masters in Public Administration. Mr. Urland had been through an extensive interview process involving seven department heads; a screening committee composed of the chair and vice-chair of the Board of Health, Personnel Director and County Manager; a meeting with the Public Health Management Team; and an interview by the Public Health Board. Mr. Lundy stated that the Public Health Board meeting of August 17, 2004, was inadvertently not advertised, that the Public Health staff thought that the County Manager's office was giving notice and the Manager's office thought that the Public Health staff was giving notice. However, no official action was taken on August 17, 2004, as the Board of Health convened at a closed session to interview Mr. Urland, came out of closed session and adjourned.

Mr. Lundy expressed his appreciation to Health Director Barry Blick for his service to Catawba County, told Mr. Urland that he was glad he was joining the Catawba County team, and that Public Health had an excellent reputation in Catawba County thanks to the professionalism and leadership of its staff.

On a motion by Commissioner Lynn M. Lail and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners affirmed the appointment of Doug W. Urland as Catawba County Public Health Director effective September 27, 2004. This action followed earlier action by the Board of Health unanimously appointing Mr. Urland.

Mr. Urand stated that he looked forward to being Catawba County Health Director, that Catawba County had an excellent reputation, and he was looking forward to the challenges and opportunities in the community. Being a Lenoir-Rhyne graduate, it was special to be coming back to the community and although he had big shoes to fill in replacing Barry Blick, he looked forward to doing so in an innovative and creative way and working with the Health Department staff.

3. Adjournment.

On a motion by Commissioner Barbara G. Beatty and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:13 a.m.

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Katherine W. Barnes  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

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J. Thomas Lundy  
County Manager/ Deputy County Clerk